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Executive Secretary**



**TO YOUNG FARMERS**

By Hugh P. McClimon

The 34th Annual Convention held in Charleston was successful in spite of hazardous weather conditions throughout the state. Following the Business Session, two buses of Young Farmers and guests had an excellent tour of the N. Charleston Port Terminal to see the facilities for exporting of agricultural products. The Ladies' Program featured a tour of historical points around the city. About 180 persons enjoyed a buffet meal and the presentation of awards during the Banquet Session. The staff of the Francis Marion is to be commended for their outstanding assistance and cooperation. Delegates will have an opportunity to visit the upstate next year where the convention will be held at the Sheraton in Spartanburg.

The State Association reached our membership goal last year with 1046 members in 32 chapters. A higher goal has been set for 1982 with new chapters recently organized at Lamar and in Lee County. There are several other possibilities that should result in increased membership again this year. All chapters should submit membership reports and dues of \$4 before May 31.

Elanco is continuing the "Spokesperson for Agriculture" Award Program. Anyone interested in participating should contact their advisor for details.

The Executive Committee is working on plans for a tour of Pioneer's facilities at Laurinburg, North Carolina, tentatively set for August 5 and 6. Complete details will be sent to all chapters as soon as plans have been finalized.

**TO FUTURE FARMERS**

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

National FFA Vice President Melanie Burgess of Harrisonburg, Virginia, will keynote the 1982 State FFA Convention planned for June 9-11, at Clemson University. Melanie is part-owner of the family poultry operation, won the national proficiency award in poultry production, and was a member of the national winning poultry team in 1976. She is a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute majoring in agricultural education. Plans are to move the Convention to the newly renovated Tillman Auditorium this year. The state events in agricultural mechanics, nursery/landscape, floriculture and farm business management will be held during the State FFA Convention this year. Plans are also under way to have a Creed Speaking Event for Greenhands for the first time this year. Additional information concerning the Convention will be coming from Mr. Stover soon.

Final plans are well under way for the FFA camping program and Leadership Conference for Chapter Officers during June. Camping dates will include May 31-June 4, June 14-18, and June 21-25. The Leadership Conference is scheduled for June 29-July 2. The camping program offers an exciting week of education, leadership training, recreation and fellowship. The cost is very reasonable (\$6.00 per day), the facilities are excellent, and the beach atmosphere is very relaxed. Take advantage of the FFA camping program that has been planned for you.

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# 34TH SC YOUNG FARMER CONVENTION



LANDY WEATHERS



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DAVID SHULER

The 34th annual convention of the S. C. Association of Young Farmers got underway with a luncheon for state officers, officer candidates, state executive committee members, wives, and state staff at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston. The farm group convened this year with a welcome from President Landy Weathers. The winter storm that swept the state on the night before the convention resulted in a light attendance and, in some cases, award recipients were not able to attend the annual Young Farmers banquet which features presentation of awards to outstanding achievers during the past year. After a short business session consisting of committee reports, unfinished and new business, those in attendance boarded buses for a tour of port facilities at North Charleston Terminal conducted by the S. C. Department of Agriculture. After a very interesting and informative tour the buses returned to the Francis Marion Hotel for the annual awards banquet. Numerous manufacturers and service organizations filled the lobby to the exhibition hall with interesting and informative displays. The exhibits were viewed by those present between sessions and between breaks in the proceedings.

The Farmerette program got underway with a welcome from Susan Weathers, wife of President Landy Weathers of Bowman. Trisha Alt,

wife of President-Elect Dan Alt from Chester, introduced the guests. Door prizes were awarded by Dale Smith, Janis Galloway, Paula Shuler, and Linda Rogers, wives of the Young Farmer executive committee. Following the preliminaries the ladies went on a Greylime tour of "Old Charleston." Old restored homes were visited along with numerous points of interest in downtown Charleston. The ladies gained much insight into the early culture and lifestyle of Charlestonians.

Following the afternoon session Young Farmers, wives, friends, guests, and sponsors gathered for the annual awards banquet, which is traditionally the high point of the convention. Awards were presented to district and state winners in the following areas: overall chapter achievement, energy conservation, soybean and corn production. The highlight of the banquet was the recognition of the district and state Young Farmers of the Year. Prior to presenting the winners, Dr. Lloyd Blanton from the Agricultural Education Department, Clemson University, presented a color slide talk show depicting the homes, equipment, farming programs, and other points of interest of each of the district winners and the state winner. Following the slide presentation Wrenn Bagley, Secretary of the Federal Land Bank and Federal Inter-

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## TOP CHAPTERS CITED



The winners in the 1981 Young Farmer chapter awards program are shown (left to right): Pelion chapter, Doug Berry, president (Frank R. Stover, Jr., advisor); St. John's chapter, Darlington, Marshall Flowers, president (Alex Yarborough, advisor); and state winner, Bowman chapter, Harry F. Wimberly, president (Landy Weathers, advisor). Presenting the awards for Gold Kist, Inc. was Mr. Justice, Public Relations Manager for South Carolina. The Pendleton chapter also received an award, Dan Hunnicutt, president, George Reed and Royce Caines, advisors, but was not represented. District winners each received an engraved plaque and \$100 cash. The state winner, Bowman, received \$300 and a state plaque. Chapters competing for this award are judged on the educational program provided for members, chapter community involvement, and Young Farmer leadership activities.

Gold Kist, Inc. sponsors this award to encourage local Young Farmer chapters throughout South Carolina to plan and conduct challenging programs of interest to all members.

Shown receiving the district and state awards for energy efficiency for 1981 are, left to right: James T. Busby, Jr., Crescent chapter (H. S. Clinkscales, advisor); Jerry Cribb, St. John's chapter, Darlington (Alex C. Yarborough, advisor); and state winner Walter Dantzler, Holly Hill chapter (David Shuler, advisor). Arthur Black of the York chapter (W. S. Wilkins, advisor) was unable to attend due to a winter storm. The awards were presented by Lewis Williamson, Director of Agricultural Services, Carolina Power and Light Company on behalf of his company, S. C. Electric and Gas Company, and Duke Power Company, who sponsor the awards. The state winner received \$300 and an engraved plaque and his wife received an engraved tray. The district winners received \$150 and an engraved plaque, and their wives received an engraved tray.

The companies sponsor the awards to encourage Young Farmers throughout the state to make the best and most efficient use of all types of energy in their farm operation.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY AWARDS



## CONVENTION AWARDS CONTINUED

### SOYBEAN CHAMPS



### OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS



In 1981 for the first year the South Carolina Young Farmers Association established an Outstanding Service Award to be given to individuals who have made sustained contributions to the local Young Farmer organization. Those present to receive this award at the convention were: Carlton A. Pitts, Hickory Tavern chapter (T. B. Huffman, advisor); George McKenzie, St. John's chapter, Darlington (Alex Yarborough, advisor); and T. A. Hyder, Progressive chapter (H. B. Waldrop, advisor). Others recognized and unable to attend because of the winter storm were: M. O. Alexander, Hillcrest chapter, Greenville County (M. O. Alexander, advisor); Jim Young, Gilbert chapter (Jack Cunningham, advisor); Roger Jenkins, McCrorey-Liston chapter (Steve Wilson, advisor); Raymond F. Taylor, Brittons Neck chapter (Jerry Pace, advisor); Duncan Gaddy, Lake View chapter (Cecil M. Rogers, advisor); James E. Tindal, Holly Hill chapter (Walter Dantzler, advisor); Jimmy Metts, St. George chapter (M. C. Baker, advisor); and C. O. Myers, Jr., Bowman chapter (Landy Weathers, advisor).

In 1981 for the first time awards were given in the 5-Acre Soybean Contest for both irrigated and non-irrigated. Non-irrigated winners are shown, left to right, Wade Johnson, Pelion chapter (Frank R. Stover, Jr., advisor), yield 44.7 bu/a, Gaysoy; Julian Murray, St. John's chapter, Darlington (Alex Yarborough, advisor), yield 35.41 bu/a, Coker 338; and State Winner for non-irrigated, Jimmy Brown, Colleton chapter (William H. Richardson Jr., advisor), yield 50.86 bu/a, Davis. Landy Weathers is shown presenting the awards on behalf of FCX, Inc. Another winner in the non-irrigated, who was unable to attend the convention due to hazardous weather, was Gehrig Minick, Saluda chapter (Thomas W. Gladden, advisor), yield 44.07 bu/a, Coker 237.

Winners in the irrigated soybean contest who were unable to attend the convention because of the hazardous weather were: Duane Fink, Gilbert chapter (Jack Cunningham, advisor), yield 43.36 bu/a, Bragg; and Damon Flowers, St. John's chapter, Darlington (Alex Yarborough, advisor), yield 40.4 bu/a, Coker 488.

The district winners each received \$100 cash and an engraved plaque and the state winners each received \$200 cash and an engraved plaque.

FCX, Inc. sponsors this competition to encourage Young Farmers throughout the state to increase soybean yields through the use of high quality seed, adequate fertilization, and improved agricultural practices.



SOME OF THE MEMBERS AND GUESTS ATTENDING THE AWARDS BANQUET.



PART OF THE GROUP TOURING THE PORT FACILITIES AT NORTH CHARLESTON.

## CONVENTION CONTINUED

### NEW LEADERS ELECTED



At the final session of the convention new leaders were elected and installed. They are shown, left to right: (seated) Ray Galloway, Darlington chapter, President-Elect; Guy Darby, Jr., Chester chapter, District II Vice President; Gregory Reynolds, Southside-Elim chapter, District III Vice President; (standing) Joe Dean Smith, Progressive chapter, District I Vice President; Dan Alt, Chester chapter, President; Landy Weathers, Bowman chapter, Past President; and David Shuler, Holly Hill chapter, District IV Vice President.

### SPOKESMAN FOR AGRICULTURE



Edsel Williams, of the Brittons Neck chapter, did an outstanding job representing the South Carolina Young Farmers in the Elanco Spokesperson for Agriculture Contest at the 15th National Young Farmer Educational Institute in Hershey, Pennsylvania. His speech entitled *Agriculture Provides Food For The American Consumer* is printed below.

### AGRICULTURE PROVIDES FOOD FOR THE AMERICAN CONSUMER

You and I can go to any supermarket, grocery store, or convenience store and buy almost any type and quantity of food we desire. This provision by the American farmer is important to the future of America and the world because he has made it possible for Americans to eat the best food at the lowest prices to be found anywhere in the world.

For years farmers have increased production to feed a growing population and farmers have increased efficiency so that consumers still spend less of their incomes for food than people in any other major nation. Farmers today take great pride in the fact they feed 68 other people besides themselves. We are proud of the fact that we make this contribution to so many people.

Agriculture, the world's basic industry, is our nation's No. 1 employer and also the No. 1 exporter of goods to other countries. In 1981 just under 3 percent of the population is involved in the production of food in America. This proves the fact that the American Farmer has the ability, knowledge, and the desire to feed the people of this country and millions of other people around the world.

The American consumer has become accustomed to plentiful food supplies. But how long can this last? We hope forever, but facing today's realities, can it? Energy is one of the biggest concerns facing Americans today, however, it has been predicted by experts that within 10 to 20 years food will be in greater demand than energy. Will agriculture be prepared to meet this great demand?

There are many factors which threaten the American farmer and his ability to produce this wholesome, reasonably priced food. Some of these factors are drought, insects, severe weather conditions, high-priced credit, ever-increasing production costs, the shrinking number of tillable acres, energy costs, and political maneuvering by politicians. Over 3 million acres of prime farm land were lost last year to residential and commercial development. This is an alarming rate of losing food-producing land. Competition for fast diminishing water supplies is also becoming a major problem which will affect the supply and price of food.

In any society, the necessities of life - food, clothing, and shelter - must come first. Unlike many other products of our economy, food is one product we cannot do without. American consumers believe their food costs are high even though they can purchase the cheapest, highest quality food to be found anywhere in the world. Food prices, when they rise, draw headlines. But, compared to consumer income, and increased prices paid for other products, food is still a bargain. The farmer is seldom the cause of food-price increases and he seldom benefits from an increase. The major portion of each dollar spent on food at the grocery store goes for processing and marketing.

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# NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE



The S. C. Association of Young Farmers was represented at the fifteenth National Young Farmer Educational Institute by 16 men and women. Those attending are shown, left to right: (standing) Jerry Pace, James Watson, both of Brittons Neck; Jimmy Weathers, Landy Weathers, both of Bowman; and Edsel Williams, Brittons Neck. (Kneeling and sitting) Michael Gibson, Centenary; Dan and Trisha Alt, Chester; Rosalyn Weathers, Bowman; Janis Galloway, Darlington; Susan Weathers,

Ray Galloway, both of Bowman; and Cecil Rogers, Lake View. Not present when picture was taken: Jean Pace, Brittons Neck; Linda and Lance Rogers, Lake View.

## WATCH FOR DATES FOR A YOUNG FARMER SUMMER TOUR MAKE PLANS TO PARTICIPATE

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Many producers today are barely breaking even while others such as livestock producers are losing a great deal. Instead of being appreciated because of the supply of reasonably priced food that is produced, the farmers hear criticisms and feel restrictions from all segments of society. Unlike many businessmen, farmers have never enjoyed the freedom to tack on a suitable margin of profit to the products they sell. He actually takes what he can get because he has very little control over the prices he receives.

In spite of these threatening factors, there remains an ample supply of food. Americans have a large stake in agriculture and now is the time to work together to protect this adequate supply of food we now enjoy. This will also enable the American farmer and rancher to supply food to other hungry nations so that no one person, man, woman, or especially a child will ever know hunger again.

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Engraved plaques for Young Farmers and trays for wives

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\$100 cash and engraved plaque to top Young Farmer in each district in each category

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\$50 cash to chapter with largest percentage increase

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**Outstanding Service Award**

Certificate to member recommended by chapter

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## NATIONAL FFA VICE PRESIDENT



Melanie Burgess, 20, of Harrisburg, Virginia, is the National Future Farmer Vice President from the Eastern Region who will represent the National FFA Office at the 1982 State FFA Convention June 9-16 at Clemson University. Melanie is taking a one-year leave of absence from her studies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Her major is agricultural education and she plans to teach vocational agriculture upon graduation. State FFA officers are working hard on plans to make this year's convention different and a meaningful experience for all who attend. Plan now to have your chapter well represented.



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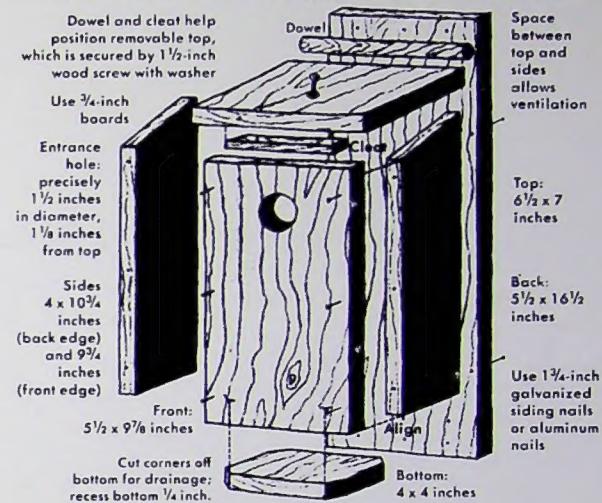
In order to participate in the awards program sponsored by the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers the chapter must be in good standing with the state association. Membership dues with the names and addresses of members must be in the district office by May 31. Individual members submitting dues after May 31 will not be eligible to participate.

Young Farmer members past the age of 40 as of May 31 are not eligible to participate in the awards program or serve as state officers. For details concerning any of the above awards contact your advisor.

## BLUEBIRD NESTING TIME

Colonel W. R. Robertson, USAF Retired, is a member of the North American Bluebird Society, Inc., a nonprofit organization, and is a resident of Roswell, Georgia. He says that we have a large population of bluebirds in the Atlanta area and in the Southeast. Now is the time to prepare to attract them to nest in late March or April in your yard or vacant property not shaded by large trees. No "birding" activity quite compares with watching bluebirds build their nests and raise their young in your own yard.

### BUILD YOUR OWN BLUEBIRD NESTING BOX



1. Select good habitat. Open rural country with scattered trees and low or sparse ground cover is best.
2. Avoid brushy and heavily wooded areas.
3. Mount nesting boxes three or more feet from the ground, preferably on post or poles.
4. Face boxes in any direction, but preferably toward a tree from 25 to 100 feet distant.
5. Because of bluebird territorial preferences, keep boxes at least 100 yards apart, to ensure the most economical use of boxes.
6. Protect boxes against snakes, raccoons and other predators when necessary. For example, raccoon "guards" can be mounted over the entrance hole for boxes located in areas of heavy raccoon populations.
7. Monitor the boxes about once a week during the nesting season, if possible.
8. Always remove house sparrow nests immediately when found. Remove bluebird and other nests as soon as the young birds have flown.

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